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FOR AF/EX

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SUBJ: LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN BISSAU

REF: STATE 185051

1. ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BISSAU MUST SUBMIT NAMES OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES TO MOFA FOR APPROVAL BEFORE HIRING. MOFA ATTEMPTING THEREBY PREVENT THOUSANDS OF AFRICANS WHO SERVED IN PORTUGUESE ARMY DURING WAR FROM ATTAINING EMPLOYMENT. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION CORREA, MOFA SEC GEN INDICATED GOGB WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH A PERSON BROUGHT IN FROM OUTSIDE.

2. WE CURRENTLY BESEIGED BY COUNTLESS LOCAL JOB SUPPLICANTS SOME OF WHOM APPEAR PROMISING. WOULD PREFER SORT OUT THESE AS WELL AS WHAT OUR NEEDS WILL BE BEFORE RESORTING TO TCN. EXPECT THIS TO TAKE 4 - 6 WEEKS.

3. IN MEANTIME, FOLLOWING INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL MAY PROVE USEFUL: HOUSING IN SHORT SUPPLY BUT 3 - 4 ROOM DUPLEX HOUSE COULD PROBABLY BE LOCATED. ELEC & PLUMBING IN POOR CONDITION BUT ADEQUATE. RENTS RANGE FROM US\$90 TO US\$175 PER MONTH. LOCALLY MADE FURNITURE OF FAIR QUALITY AVAILABLE AT LOW PRICES BUT ALL APPLIANCES ARE IMPORTED AND EXPENSIVE IF AVAILABLE. WE HAVE NOT YET CONDUCTED LOCAL WAGE SURVEY BUT EXPECT OUR WAGE SCALE TO BE SIMILAR TO UN SCALE COPY OF WHICH IN AF/EX (MILLIGAN/MCKEE REPORT).

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4. ADMIN OFFICER PLANS ATTEND GREIVANCE WORKSHOP IN DAKAR
TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS WITH KENNEDY.
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